

**5440-54      School Social Worker**

*The holder is authorized to provide school social work services to students and their families in grades PK-12.*

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

Knowledge Standards:

Knowledge of the theories and stages of human growth and development, as well as knowledge of the nature of handicapping conditions.

An understanding of each child in his or her family, school and community context, and a sensitivity to the variety of economic and cultural influences which affect each child's life.

Knowledge of counseling theories and techniques for individuals, groups and families, and other professional activities which enhance the facilitation of the affective domain and the learning process within a school setting.

Knowledge of instructional theories, curriculum development and program planning.

Performance Standards:

The ability to apply skills and techniques of counseling and consultation with school personnel, parents and the community to assess social, cognitive and physical functioning toward the end of enhancing students' educational, career and personal development.

The ability to design and implement a program of preventive and development services with the school's instructional program, which assists students in decision-making, self-discipline, communication, problem-solving, and self-assessment.

The ability to plan, implement, evaluate and coordinate a support services plan which promotes the students' development and affects desired student outcomes.

The ability to develop and maintain a student record-keeping system.

**Additional Requirements:**

A master's degree, or the equivalent, in social work.

A supervised internship experience (600 clock hours) in social work with a minimum of 60 hours of experience in school social work at **both** the elementary (PK-6) and middle/secondary (7-12) levels, under the supervision of a licensed school social worker.